

Principles of Clinical Pharmacology

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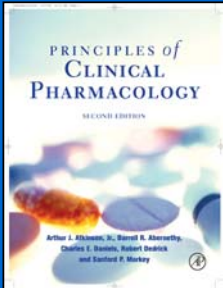
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# COURSE MODULES

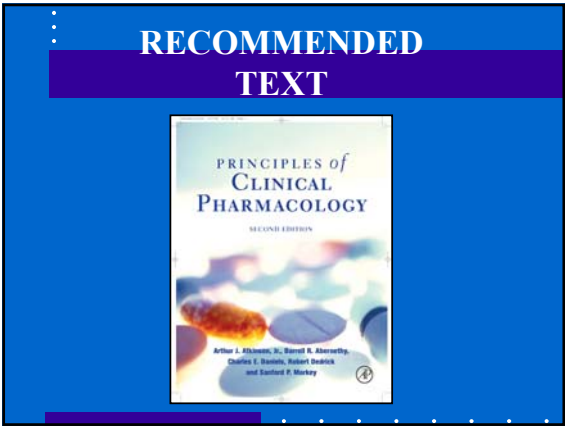
- MODULE 1: Pharmacokinetics
- MODULE 2: Drug metabolism and Transport
- MODULE 3: Assessment of Drug Effects
- MODULE 4: Optimizing and Evaluating Therapy
- MODULE 5: Drug Discovery and Development

## MODULE 5: Drug Discovery and Development

# RECOMMENDED TEXT



The image shows the front cover of the textbook 'Principles of Clinical Pharmacology, Second Edition'. The cover has a light blue background with a close-up photograph of several pills in various colors (orange, yellow, blue, white) at the bottom. The title 'PRINCIPLES of CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY' is printed in a serif font, with 'of' in italics. Below the title, it says 'SECOND EDITION'. The authors' names are listed at the bottom: 'Arthur I. Katzung, Jr., Harold R. Abelson, Charles L. Hamilton, Robert Swoboda, and Sanford F. Minsky'. A small circular logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the cover.



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## PHARMACOLOGY

The study of *drugs* (chemicals, “small molecules”) and *biologics* (peptides, antibodies, “large molecules”) and their actions in *living organisms* (intact animals, isolated organs, tissue cultures).

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## CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

*THE STUDY OF DRUGS IN  
HUMANS*

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## COURSE FOCUS

- Scientific basis of drug use, development and evaluation
- *Not* Therapeutics
- Emphasis is on *General Principles* for both “old” and “new” drugs

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CAREER GOALS OF  
CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGISTS

- Optimize understanding and use of existing medicines
- Develop and evaluate new medicines

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“Introduction” Lecture Outline

- Historical overview
- The problem of adverse drug reactions (ADRs)
- Drug discovery and development
- Introduction to pharmacokinetics
- The concept of clearance

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Historical Overview

The establishment of *experimental pharmacology* as a discipline in Europe and the USA in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

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**JOHN JACOB ABEL**  
1857 - 1938



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**OSWALD SCHMIEDEBERG**  
1838 - 1921



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**RUDOLPH BUCHEIM**  
1820 - 1879



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## LACK OF IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO DRUG THERAPY

“Fortunately a surgeon who uses the wrong side of the scalpel cuts his own fingers and not the patient; if the same applied to drugs they would have been investigated very carefully a long time ago.”

*Placing emphasis on therapeutic technique and rational prescribing*

Rudolph Bucheim  
*Beiträge zur Arzneimittellehre, 1849*

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## FOUNDERS OF AMERICAN CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY



HARRY GOLD



WALTER MODELL

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## Partial List of GOLD and MODELL Accomplishments

1937 – Introduced Double-Blind Clinical Trial Design \*

1939 – Initiated *Cornell Conference on Therapy*

1953 – Analyzed Digoxin Effect Kinetics to Estimate Absolute Bioavailability as well as Time-Course of Chronotropic Effects†

1960 - Founded *Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics*

\* Gold H, Kwit NT, Otto H. JAMA 1937;108:2173-2179.

† Gold H, Cattell McK, Greiner T, Hanlon LW, Kwit NT, Modell W, Cotlove E, Benton J, Otto HL. J Pharmacol Exp Ther 1953;109:45-57.

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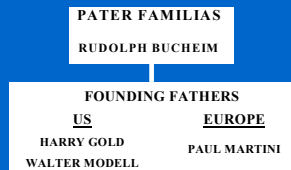
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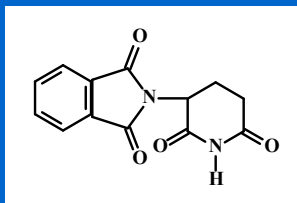
## LINEAGE of Modern Clinical Pharmacology



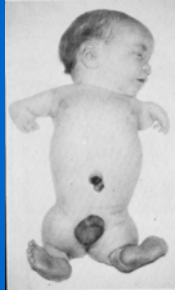
## Drug Toxicity Adverse Drug Reactions

- We need to develop drugs that are both **effective** and **safe** for use in patients.
- While some toxicities can be managed and *may* be acceptable (*risk/benefit* ratio) others are by their nature and severity *unacceptable*.
- Covered in *Modules 2* and *4* in our course.

## THALIDOMIDE



## PHOCOMELIA



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## Drug Exposure “in utero”

- The problem of “Drug Therapy in Pregnant and Nursing Women”  
Covered in *Module 4* in our course.

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## Thalidomide: Therapeutic Uses

- *Erythema Nodosum Leprosum*
- Multiple Myeloma

These are *FDA-approved* indications  
(immunomodulatory agent)

Marketing done under a special restricted  
distribution program:

*System for Thalidomide Education and Prescribing  
Safety (S.T.E.P.S.)*

Used with *extreme caution* in females of  
childbearing potential. Contraceptive measures  
are mandatory.

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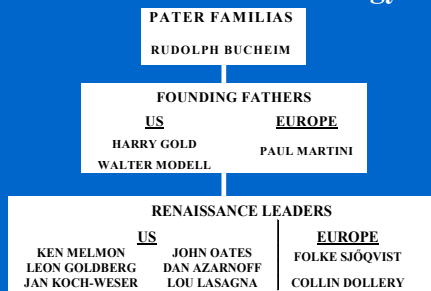
## SERIOUS ADR

A **SERIOUS ADVERSE DRUG REACTION** is an adverse drug reaction (ADR) that *requires or prolongs hospitalization, is permanently disabling or results in death.*

## CONSEQUENCES OF THALIDOMIDE CRISIS

- New FDA Regulations  
(KEFAUVER-HARRIS 1962 AMENDMENTS)
- Institute of Medicine-National Academy of Sciences *review of Therapeutic Claims*
- More Research on *Causes of ADRs*
- NIGMS created *Clinical Pharmacology Centers* in the USA

## LINEAGE OF Modern Clinical Pharmacology



FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO ADR'S

1. Inappropriate *polypharmacy* resulting in adverse *drug interactions*
2. *Lack* of clear *therapeutic goals*
3. *Failure to attribute* new symptoms or abnormal laboratory test results *to drugs prescribed*
4. *Low priority* given to studying ADR's
5. *Insufficient knowledge* of pharmacology

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ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS

WHO:  
Any untoward reaction to a drug

CONTEMPORARY VIEW:  
Unpredictable Adverse Drug Events

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A recent example – Cytokine Storm

"Six healthy young male volunteers at a contract research organization were enrolled in the *first phase I clinical trial* of TGN1412, a novel superagonist anti-CD28 monoclonal antibody that directly stimulates T cells.

Within 90 minutes after receiving a single intravenous dose...all six volunteers had a *systemic inflammatory response*...rapid induction of proinflammatory cytokines...headache, myalgias, nausea, diarrhea, erythema, vasodilatation, and hypotension. Within 12 to 16 hours they *became critically ill*...

All six patients survived."

*N Engl J Med* 2006;355:1018-1028

Preclinical models did not predict the risk of this reaction!

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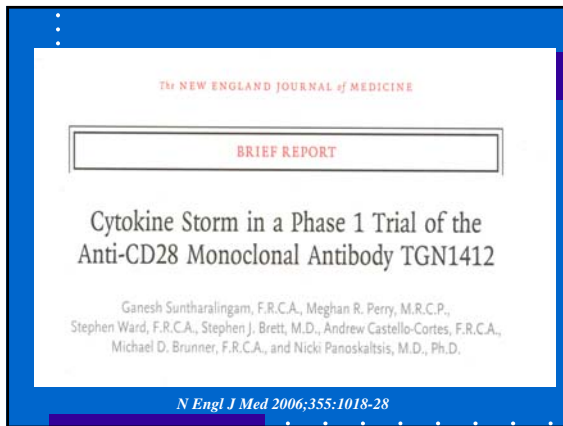
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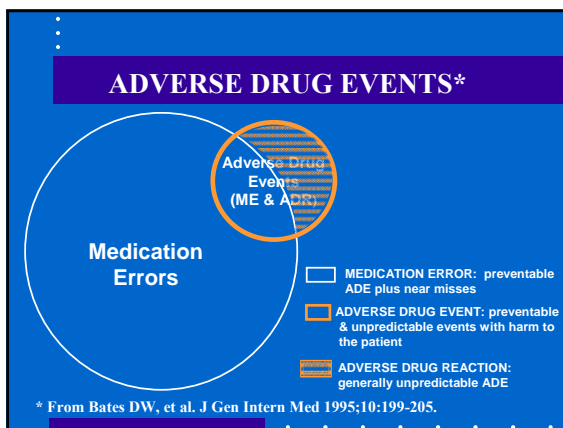
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**CHARACTERISTICS OF MOST ADRs\***

- MOST NOT CAUSED BY NEW DRUGS
- MOST NOT IDIOSYNCRATIC REACTIONS
- ~ 80% ARE RELATED TO DRUG DOSE

\* Melmon KL. *N Engl J Med* 1971;284:1361-8.

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## “Target concentration” strategy

- Based on observed *individual variation in drug exposure (AUC)* when “standard” doses are prescribed.
- Attempts to “*individualize*” therapy when therapeutic and toxic ranges of drug concentrations in plasma have been established.

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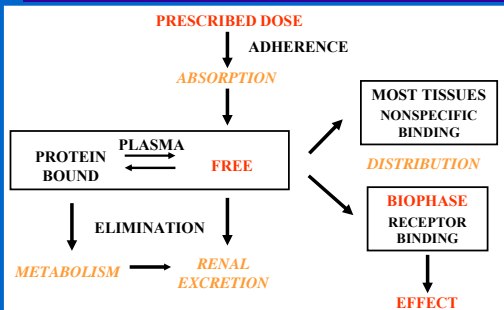
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## RATIONALE FOR PLASMA LEVEL MONITORING




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## NONCANCER DRUGS CAUSING ADR'S\*

PHENYTOIN**	CARBAMAZEPINE**
PREDNISONE	CODEINE
DIGOXIN**	LITHIUM**
AMIODARONE	THEOPHYLLINE**
ASPIRIN**	DESIPRAMINE**
CO-TRIMOXAZOLE	DEXAMETHASONE
PENTAMIDINE	GENTAMICIN**

\* 1988 NMH Data (Clin Pharmacol Ther 1996;60:363-7)

\*\* DRUGS FOR WHICH PLASMA LEVELS ARE AVAILABLE

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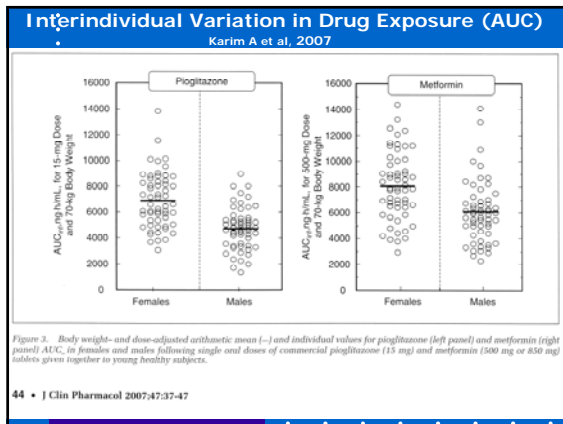
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INCIDENCE OF ADRs*	
IN HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS	
All severities	10.9 %
Serious	2.1 %
Fatal	0.2 %
AS CAUSE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSION	
Serious	4.7 %
Fatal	0.13 %

\* Lazarou J, et al. JAMA 1998;279:1200-05.

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**ATTENTION FOCUSED ON MEDICAL ERRORS**

**“TO ERR IS HUMAN:  
BUILDING A SAFER HEALTH SYSTEM”**

Committee on Quality of Health Care in America  
Institute of Medicine

[www.nap.edu/reading room](http://www.nap.edu/reading room) (2000).

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## Development and Evaluation of New Drugs

- Drug discovery
- Pre-clinical and clinical evaluation
- Subjects of *Module 5* in our course

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## MEDICINES “DISCOVERED” BY CLINICAL INVESTIGATORS

### NEW INDICATION:

ALLOPURINOL (Gout) - *RW Rundles*

### ENDOGENOUS COMPOUND:

DOPAMINE (Shock) - *LI Goldberg*

### DRUG METABOLITE:

FEXOFENADINE (Antihistamine) -  
*RL Woosley at al.*

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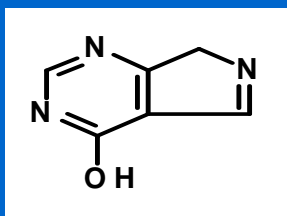
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## ALLOPURINOL\*



\* Rundles RW, Metz EN, Silberman HR. Ann Intern Med 1966;64:229-57.

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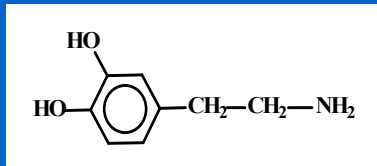
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**DOPAMINE\***



\*Goldberg LI. Pharmacol Rev 1972;24:1-29.

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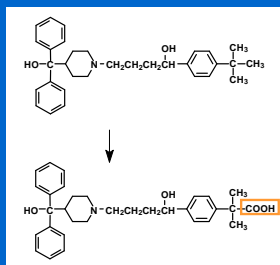
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## TORSADES DE POINTES



## TERFENADINE METABOLISM\*



TERFENADINE  
(SELDANE)

TERFENADINE  
CARBOXYLATE  
(ALLEGRA)

\* From Woosley RL, et al. JAMA 1993;269:1532-6.

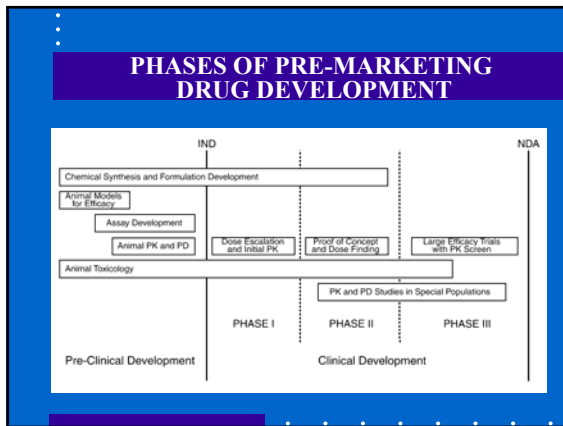
## DRUG DEVELOPMENT COST PER APPROVED DRUG\*

	COST (\$ x 10 <sup>6</sup> ) <sup>†</sup>	
	OUT-OF-POCKET	CAPITALIZED
TOTAL COSTS	403	802
CLINICAL COSTS (% TOTAL)	274 (68%)	453 (56%)

<sup>†</sup> BASED ON 21.5% SUCCESS RATE

\* DiMasi JA, et al. J Health Econ 2003;22:151-85.






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## Introduction to Pharmacokinetics

- This will be the subject of *Module 1* in our course.
- *Essential* for integration of material in subsequent course modules.

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## PHARMACOKINETICS

The *QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS* of the  
*TIME COURSE* of DRUG

**A**BSORPTION,  
**D**ISTRIBUTION,  
**M**ETABOLISM, and  
**E**XCRETION

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## PHARMACOKINETICS

Because it is *quantitative*,  
pharmacokinetics is of necessity  
*mathematical*

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## DRUG DOSE SELECTION

### TRADITIONAL:

Look up “usual” dose in PDR  
Memorize “usual” dose

### IMPROVED:

*Individualize* dosing  
Apply pharmacokinetics and the “*target  
concentration strategy*”

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## Introduction to Clearance

- **Clearance** is a “primary” parameter in the pharmacokinetic analysis of drug distribution and elimination.
- Understanding the concept of clearance is *essential* for drug evaluation and use in clinical medicine.

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### CREATININE CLEARANCE EQUATION

$$CL_{Cr} = \frac{U \times V}{P}$$

U = URINE CONCENTRATION

V = URINE VOLUME

P = PLASMA CONCENTRATION

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### CREATININE CLEARANCE REVISITED

RATE OF APPEARANCE OF Cr IN URINE (dE/dt):

$$dE/dt = CL_{Cr} \times P$$

RATE OF CHANGE OF Cr IN BODY (dX/dt):

$$dX/dt = I - CL_{Cr} \times P$$

AT STEADY STATE :

$$P = I / CL_{Cr}$$

I = RATE OF CREATININE SYNTHESIS

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### STEADY STATE CONCENTRATION

CONTINUOUS CREATININE SYNTHESIS:

$$C_{ss} = \frac{I}{CL_{Cr}}$$

CONTINUOUS DRUG INFUSION:

$$C_{ss} = \frac{I}{CL_E}$$

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### COCKCROFT & GAULT EQUATION\*

$$CL_{Cr} = \frac{(140 - \text{age})(\text{weight in kg})}{72 (\text{serum Cr in mg/dL})}$$

[reduce estimate by 15% for women]

\* Cockcroft DW, Gault MH: Nephron 1976;16:31-41.

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Terms in red estimate creatinine synthesis rate.

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### RENAL FUNCTION IN PATIENTS TOXIC FROM DIGOXIN\*

SERUM Cr (mg %)	CL <sub>Cr</sub> (mL/min)		
	≥ 50	< 50	
≤ 1.7	4	19	52%
> 1.7	0	21	48%

\* From Piergies AA, et al. Clin Pharmacol Ther 1994;55:353-8.

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## ESTIMATED $Cl_{Cr}$

- **ESSENTIAL** for safe and effective use of *renally* eliminated drugs
- Important **PREREQUISITE** for application of pharmacokinetic principles
- Need to automate - **BUT**:
  - Laboratory system often does not “talk” with patient database
  - Patients often not weighed

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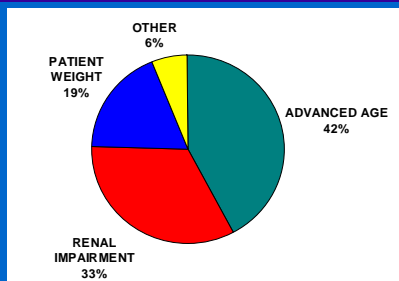
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## PATHOPHYSIOLOGIC FACTORS **NOT** ACCOUNTED FOR IN DRUG DOSING\*



\* Lesar TS, Briceland L, Stein DS. JAMA 1997;277:312-7.

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